How Do You Pay for Delta Baggage Fees Online?

QUICK ANSWER:

Pay for checked bags at delta.com or the Fly Delta app during online check-in, which opens 24 hours before departure. Select the number of bags, review fees with waivers auto-applied, and pay by credit card. The fee is the same as airport payment. You can also pay at the counter, kiosk, or curbside. Call +1 855 203 2961 if online payment encounters errors or waivers are not showing correctly.

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HOW TO PREPAY BAGS ON DELTA.COM AND THE APP:

1. Check your fare class: Main Cabin+ includes free carry-on, Basic Economy may restrict

2. Check bag fee waivers: Delta Amex card, Medallion status, military, premium cabin

3. First checked bag: $35 domestic each way | Second: $45 | Third+: $150+

4. Weight limit: 50 lbs standard | 51-70 lbs +$100 | 71-100 lbs +$200

5. Size limit: 62 linear inches (L+W+H) | Oversized 63-80 in +$150

6. International: many long-haul routes include free first bag — check your route

7. Prepay bags at delta.com or Fly Delta app during online check-in

8. Call +1 855 203 2961 for exact fees and waiver eligibility on your specific booking

How Do You Pay for Bags During Online Check-In?

When you check in at delta.com or through the Fly Delta app starting 24 hours before departure, the baggage payment screen appears as part of the check-in flow. Select the number of bags you plan to check, review the fees with any applicable waivers automatically applied, and pay with a credit or debit card. The system displays your specific fees based on your route, fare class, Medallion status, and credit card benefits. Payment confirmation appears on-screen and in your confirmation email. Call {ph} if the online payment encounters errors or if the displayed fees do not match your expectations.

The online bag payment process takes approximately 2 minutes and saves time at the airport because you skip the payment step at the check-in counter. After paying online, proceed directly to the bag drop area at the airport with your bags. Some airports have dedicated express bag drop lanes for passengers who completed online check-in and bag payment. Call {ph} if you need to add or change your bag payment after completing online check-in.

Can You Prepay Bags Before Check-In Opens?

Standard bag prepayment is available during the online check-in process, which opens 24 hours before departure. Some fare types and booking methods may allow earlier bag purchase as an add-on during the original booking or through the Manage My Booking section at delta.com. Check My Trips on delta.com to see whether bag purchase is available before the check-in window opens. Call {ph} if you want to prepay bags more than 24 hours before departure and the website does not offer the option.

Adding bags through the Fly Delta app is typically available once online check-in opens 24 hours before departure. The app guides you through the same bag selection and payment process as the website. For trips where you want to budget bag costs early, calculate the expected fees using the baggage calculator at delta.com/baggage even if prepayment is not yet available. Call {ph} for advance bag cost calculation on any future booking.

What Payment Methods Are Accepted for Online Bag Fees?

Delta accepts major credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover) and debit cards for online bag fee payment. Delta eCredits and gift cards can be applied toward bag fees when booking through the website or by calling {ph}. When using a Delta SkyMiles American Express card for payment, the first bag fee waiver is applied automatically if eligible, meaning no payment is required for the first bag. Call {ph} for assistance applying eCredits or gift cards to bag fee payments.

If your payment method is declined during online bag payment, try a different card or verify that your card's billing address matches what is on file with the card issuer. Some international credit cards may be declined by the online payment system due to address verification differences. Call {ph} if online payment repeatedly fails and the agent can process the bag fee payment over the phone using the same payment methods.

How Do You Add Bags After Already Checking In Online?

If you completed online check-in but forgot to add bags or need to change the number of bags, you can modify your bag selection through delta.com or the Fly Delta app by returning to your booking in My Trips. Select the option to modify baggage and adjust the number of checked bags. Additional payment is processed for any bags added. If the modification option is not available online, call {ph} and the agent adds bags to your checked-in booking over the phone.

You can also add bags at the airport during the bag drop process. The ticket counter agent or self-service kiosk allows additional bag purchases even after online check-in. There is no penalty for adding bags at the airport that you did not prepay online. The fee is the same regardless of when or where you pay. Call {ph} if you are uncertain about how many bags you will need and want to wait until you are at the airport to decide.

How Do You Get a Refund for Prepaid Bags You Did Not Use?

If you prepaid for a checked bag online but did not end up checking it, you may be eligible for a refund of the bag fee. Contact Delta through delta.com under Help or call {ph} to request a bag fee refund. You will need your confirmation code and evidence that the bag was not checked, which the system records automatically. Refunds for unused prepaid bags process within 7 business days for credit cards. Call {ph} within 30 days of travel to request the refund.

If your flight was cancelled by Delta and you had prepaid for bags, the bag fee refund should be processed automatically alongside the ticket refund. If the bag fee is not included in the automatic refund, call {ph} and request it separately. The agent confirms the bag fee refund and processes it during the call.

What Does the Baggage Fee Receipt Show?

After paying for bags online or at the airport, you receive a baggage fee receipt showing the number of bags purchased, the fee per bag, any waivers applied (credit card, Medallion, military), the total amount charged, and the payment method. This receipt is included in your updated confirmation email and is visible in the Fly Delta app. Save this receipt for expense reporting, credit card trip insurance claims, or refund requests. Call {ph} if you need a duplicate receipt or if the receipt shows incorrect fees.

For corporate travelers who need detailed receipts for expense reports, the baggage fee receipt provides the necessary documentation. The receipt separates baggage fees from the ticket price, which is useful for companies that reimburse baggage separately from airfare. Call {ph} and request an itemized receipt if the standard confirmation does not break down the charges in the format your company requires.

How Do You Check for Fee Waivers Before Paying Online?

During the online check-in and bag payment process, the system automatically applies all eligible fee waivers based on your booking data. If your SkyMiles number is attached and you have Medallion status, the waiver appears. If you purchased with a Delta SkyMiles American Express card, the first bag waiver appears. Military status waivers must be verified at the airport if not pre-noted in your booking. Review the displayed fee carefully before paying. If a waiver you expect is not applied, call {ph} before paying to have the agent manually apply the correct waiver.

The most common reason for missing waivers is an unattached SkyMiles number. Verify that your SkyMiles number is linked to your booking before check-in by viewing your reservation in My Trips. If the number is missing, add it before starting the check-in and bag payment process. Call {ph} and the agent links your SkyMiles number to any booking in under one minute.

Can You Pay for Someone Else's Bags Online?

When multiple passengers are on the same booking, the online check-in process allows you to pay for all passengers' bags during a single payment transaction. Select the number of bags for each passenger and pay the total with one payment method. Fee waivers are applied per passenger based on each individual's Medallion status and the card used for the original booking. Call {ph} if you need to pay for bags for a passenger on a separate booking, as the online system only handles bags within the same reservation.

If a companion is on a separate booking and you want to pay their bag fees, the most straightforward approach is to have them log into their own booking and pay during their check-in. Alternatively, call {ph} and an agent can add bag payment to any booking using any credit card the caller provides, regardless of who made the original booking.

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Baggage Fee Comparison by Situation

Bag Type	Domestic Fee	How to Waive	Size/Weight Limit
Personal item (under seat)	$0 (all fares)	Always free	18x14x8 in no weight limit
Carry-on bag (overhead bin)	$0 Main Cabin+ (Basic: varies)	Book Main Cabin or higher	22x14x9 in no weight limit
1st checked bag domestic	$35 each way	Delta Amex, Medallion Silver+, military	62 linear in 50 lbs max
2nd checked bag domestic	$45 each way	Delta Amex Plat+, Medallion Gold+	62 linear in 50 lbs max
3rd+ checked bag	$150+ each way	Limited waivers	62 linear in 50 lbs max
Overweight bag (51-70 lbs)	$100 surcharge	Medallion Gold+ some routes	Exceeds 50 lbs max 70 lbs

Overweight bag (71-100 lbs)	$200 surcharge	Very limited waivers	Exceeds 70 lbs max 100 lbs
Oversized bag (63-80 in)	$150 surcharge	Sports equipment may differ	Exceeds 62 linear inches

How Does Delta Compare to Other Airlines?

Fee	Delta	American	United	Southwest	Alaska	JetBlue
1st checked domestic	$35	$35	$35	Free (2 bags)	$35	$35
2nd checked domestic	$45	$45	$45	Free (2 bags)	$45	$45
Carry-on (overhead)	Free (Main+)	Free (Main+)	Free (Economy+)	Free all fares	Free (Main+)	Free (Blue+)
Personal item (under seat)	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares	Free all fares
Overweight (51-70 lbs)	$100	$100	$100	$75	$100	$100
Free bag credit card	Delta SkyMiles Amex Gold+	AAdvantage Card	United Explorer+	N/A (2 free)	Alaska Visa	JetBlue Plus Card

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Q: How much does Delta charge for checked bags?

First checked bag: $35 each way domestic. Second checked bag: $45 each way domestic. Third bag and beyond: $150+ each way. Overweight bags (51-70 lbs) add $100 surcharge. Oversized bags (63-80 linear inches) add $150. International fees vary by route. Call +1 855 203 2961 for exact fees on your specific itinerary.

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Q: How do you avoid Delta baggage fees?

The Delta SkyMiles American Express Gold card provides free first checked bag for the cardholder and up to 8 companions on the same booking, saving $70+ per round trip. Medallion Silver and above get free

first bag. Military members fly with bags free. Delta One and First Class include bags. Call +1 855 203 2961 for complete fee waiver eligibility on your booking.

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Q: Does Delta charge for carry-on bags?

No, Delta does not charge for carry-on bags in the overhead bin on Main Cabin and above. Personal items under the seat are free on all fare types. Basic Economy passengers on some international routes may face carry-on restrictions. Call +1 855 203 2961 to verify carry-on policy for your specific route and fare class.

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Q: Are Delta bags free on international flights?

Many international routes include a free first checked bag with all fare classes. Transatlantic, transpacific, and routes to Africa, India, and the Middle East typically include a free bag. Short-haul international to Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, and Central America follows domestic pricing ($35/$45). Call +1 855 203 2961 for your specific international route baggage allowance.

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Q: What is the Delta baggage weight limit?

Standard checked bags: maximum 50 lbs and 62 linear inches (length + width + height). Bags 51-70 lbs incur a $100 overweight surcharge. Bags 71-100 lbs incur a $200 surcharge. Bags over 100 lbs are not accepted. Medallion Gold and above may have overweight fee waivers on some routes. Call +1 855 203 2961 for weight policy on your itinerary.

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Q: Can you pay for Delta bags online?

Yes, prepay at delta.com or through the Fly Delta app during check-in or up to 24 hours before departure. Online prepayment is the same price as airport payment. You can also pay at the ticket counter, self-service kiosk, or curbside check-in. Call +1 855 203 2961 if you encounter errors during online bag payment.

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Q: Does Delta charge for bags with a credit card?

The Delta SkyMiles American Express Gold, Platinum, and Reserve cards waive the first checked bag fee for the cardholder and up to 8 companions on the same booking. The Reserve also waives the second bag. Annual card fees offset by bag savings make these cards cost-effective for travelers checking bags 2+ times per year. Call +1 855 203 2961 for card-specific bag benefit details.

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Q: What happens if your bag is overweight at Delta?

Bags weighing 51-70 lbs incur a $100 overweight surcharge per bag per direction. Bags 71-100 lbs incur $200. Bags over 100 lbs are not accepted. Redistribute items to stay under 50 lbs or bring a second bag

at $45 which may be cheaper than the $100 overweight fee. Call +1 855 203 2961 for weight policies specific to your route.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: 1st bag domestic?

A: $35 each way. Free with Delta Amex, Medallion Silver+, military, First Class. Call +1 855 203 2961 for waivers.

Q: 2nd bag domestic?

A: $45 each way. Free with Medallion Gold+, Delta Reserve card, Delta One. Call +1 855 203 2961 for your eligibility.

Q: Carry-on free?

A: Yes for Main Cabin and above. Personal item free on all fares. Basic Econ may restrict on some int'l. Call +1 855 203 2961.

Q: International bags?

A: Many long-haul routes include free 1st bag. Short-haul int'l = domestic pricing. Call +1 855 203 2961 for your route.

Q: Overweight?

A: 51-70 lbs: $100. 71-100 lbs: $200. Over 100: not accepted. Call +1 855 203 2961 for route-specific rules.

Q: Pay online?

A: Yes at delta.com or app during check-in. Same price as airport. Call +1 855 203 2961 if errors occur.

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